

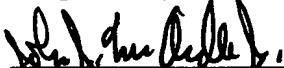
Remarks

The Examiner has objected to claims 1 -34, stating that the claims recite that the rotation of the backup belt rotates the nip forming roller but do not recite means to rotate the backup belt.

The independent claims in the application, claims 1, 20, and 31, have been amended to state that the rotation of the backup belt is effected by contact between a moving surface of a member in the fusing system and a surface of the backup belt. In the case of claims 20 and 31, the moving surface is stated to be on the rotatable fusing member.

It is believed that the currently amended claims now overcome the objection of the Examiner. Consequently, allowance of the claims of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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